

WOODLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL **LIVING WITH COVID-19** RISK ASSESSMENT

Location / Site	WOODLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL
Activity / Procedure	WHOLE SCHOOL SCHOOLS CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) OPERATIONAL GUIDANCE
Assessment date	Updated 18/04/2022 – following updated national guidance issued by gov.uk update to guidance 1.4.22: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/

Identify people at risk	
Employees	YES
Children	YES
Parents	YES
Visitors	YES
Contractors	YES

Woodlands Primary School will follow the key principles set out below:

Safety

The safety of children and staff is our top priority. Full and detailed risk assessments will be conducted and scrutinised by the Board of Governors.

Government guidance, updated 01/04/22 – CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) STATES <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

The government has removed remaining domestic restrictions in England. There are still steps you can take to reduce the risk of catching and spreading COVID-19:

- [Get vaccinated](#)
- Let fresh air in if meeting indoors, or meet outside
- Consider wearing a face covering in crowded, enclosed spaces

The following advice from insurers:

“The Employers & Public Liability insurance that you purchase through the Council will cover the school for any costs you are legally liable to pay, unless specifically excluded, and there is no exclusion for Covid-19 risks. The policies also specifically cover defence costs in relation to any breaches of the Health & Safety at Work Act. The important thing is that you document and retain any changes that you have made to cater for Covid risks, including updating risk assessments. This will help to show that you have not breached any duty of care towards both staff and pupils, and will make it more difficult for any such claim to succeed.”

Below is a useful link for things to consider prior to reopening

https://www.aig.com/uk/news-and-insights/2020/may/exiting-lockdown/?utm_source=email&utm_medium=sfmc&utm_campaign=pse_newsletter_issue_2_article_1_exiting_lockdown

Our legal duties to protect the health, safety and welfare of our staff and pupils arise under the following legislation: -

- Sections 2 and 3 of the Health & Safety Act 1974
- Regulations 3 and 8 of the Management of Health & Safety at Work Regulations 1999
- Regulation 4 of the Personal Protective Equipment at Work Regulations 1992
- Regulation 4 of the Workplace (Health, Safety & Welfare) Regulations 1992
- Regulation 7 of the Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations 2002

General Information

Specific risks are identified and mitigated for below, but the following should help alleviate any specific concerns in our wider considerations.

CHILDREN & STAFF SAFETY	
<p>What to do if you have Covid-19 https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/main-symptoms/</p>	<p>The current national guidance states that adults with a positive Covid-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days which is when they are most infectious. For children and young people aged 18 or under, the advice is to try to stay at home and avoid contact with others for 3 days which is when they are most infectious. Children from the age of 5 are now encouraged to have a vaccine to give them the best protection against Covid-19.</p> <p>Therefore, any child in our school who has either tested positive for Covid, or has any of the main Covid symptoms (see updated list below) should try to stay at home for 3 days after the positive test result/onset of symptoms. If, after 3 days your child feels well and <u>does not have a temperature</u> they can return to normal activities.</p>

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	<p>Covid-19 symptoms to look out for (updated April 2022):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * a high temperature or shivering (chills) - a high temperature means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back * a new, continuous cough * a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste * shortness of breath * feeling tired or exhausted * an aching body * a headache * a sore throat * a blocked or runny nose * loss of appetite * diarrhoea * feeling sick or being sick <p>(please note these symptoms are very similar to symptoms of other illnesses, such as colds and flu)</p>
Attendance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff attendance will run in the same way as it usually does. If a staff member is unwell, their sickness must be reported to Vic Carr HT by 7:30am. If it is a Covid related illness then report to Sharon Liversey by 7.30am

COVID OUTBREAK MANAGEMENT PLAN/LOGISTICS/STEPPING MEASURES UP & DOWN

http://www.woodlands.cheshire.sch.uk/serve_file/4722918

COVID-19 outbreak in school :	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the event of a COVID-19 outbreak in school, we will follow public health advice at all times and a designated member of staff (SL) will call the dedicated advice service who will escalate the issue to our local health protection team where necessary and advise if any additional action is required. • Swift communication with parents via parentpay text, email and Twitter notification will ensure parents are fully aware of the situation • Staff will mobilise their remote learning package should it be required • Our current school contingency plan can be found on our website http://www.woodlands.cheshire.sch.uk/serve_file/4722918
In the event of an outbreak in school:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School will reintroduce a class/year group segregation system should there be an outbreak • Pupils will be asked to limit the amount of equipment they bring into school each day, to essentials. • All adults coming onto site will be asked to wear a face covering when visiting or entering the school premises including outdoor areas. • Staff will reintroduce staggered playtimes and lunchtimes to minimise contacts between bubbles

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<p>In the event of an outbreak in school: Playtime / sport</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assemblies will move online and communal areas will have limits on numbers eg staffrooms – 4 at a time etc • Lunchtimes/Playtimes will return to taking place in zoned areas outside or in the classroom at desks in cases of bad weather. • Playtimes will return to staggered at times (phase leaders to co-ordinate) • Fixed outdoor play equipment may be used eg climbing frame etc. Children must wash their hands when they return into the classroom after playing on the fixed outdoor play equipment. Fixed outdoor play equipment must only be used by the bubble it is intended for use by eg KS1 playground climbing frame • Outdoor classrooms, used as part of Co-JO’s character curriculum, will be timetabled and only be used by a bubble per day. The outdoor classroom seating must be wiped down after very class use. • Limit play equipment used. Each bubble will have play equipment to use and this will be cleaned between uses. • PE lead will provide games that can be played whilst socially distancing. • Outdoor sports should be prioritised where possible, and large indoor spaces used where it is not, maximising distancing between pupils and paying scrupulous attention to cleaning and hygiene. This is particularly important because of the way in which people breathe during exercise. • Activities such as active miles, making break times and lessons active will help enable pupils to be physically active while encouraging physical distancing.
<p>In the event of an outbreak in school: Lunchtime</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lunch for KS1 – staggered and tables kept separate from each year group. • For those pupils in KS2 who wish to have a school lunch it will be collected by the children from the hall and eaten in the classrooms assistant for that class and lunches will be delivered to classrooms. • Children are welcome to bring in their own packed lunch – these will be eaten in the classroom • Lunches will be eaten at desks and these will be cleaned both before and after lunch.
<p>In the event of an outbreak in school: Communication</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This ‘Schools Coronavirus (Covid-19) Operational Guidance’ plan/risk assessment is shared with parents via the school website and risk assessment, following any updates, will be continue to be shared with staff, parents, governors and made available to the LA and other partners and will also be on the school website. This will be reviewed regularly and all stakeholders will be alerted to any changes. • Prior to any closure all contact numbers for children were checked to ensure they are up to date and that parents understand their role in collecting unwell children. • In the event of an outbreak parents will continue to receive calls from admin staff, regular and appropriate letters to inform them of the changes and expectations in relation to provision, guidance updates and return to school.

Name of assessor	Signature of assessor	Date
V Carr	<i>V Carr</i>	18/04/2022

Governor's comments	
<p>Our risk assessment provides detailed, robust and accountable measures in the light of the changing world around us. The care for our children and all who work in our school community is a priority. This risk assessment represents a commitment to maintain our school ethos and also in ensuring every child and staff member is supported and cared for. This assessment will be updated and reviewed regularly in line with government guidelines. Chris Marchant – Co-Chair of Governors</p>	
Risk assessment reviews	These to be done as guidance is amended or changes occur on site or with stakeholders.